

Mount Rainier National Park

Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update



Wayside Notes

The historic Nisqually to Paradise Road is the most common entry to Mount Rainier National Park. Like most roads that you travel, it too, requires maintenance and periodic repairs. Due to adverse winter weather road work must occur during the busy summer season.

This year the majority of work will occur between Longmire and Paradise with some work taking place between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire.

The road continually endures impacts from thousands of cars, buses, and RVs. It sustains damage from freezing, thawing, and rain. The road is also impacted by fallen trees and river erosion.

Improvements to the road will preserve its integrity as a popular and historic scenic drive and provide continued safe access for years to come.

Just the Facts: Sharing the Road

Even in 1911, roadway safety was of the utmost importance. Very concerned about everyone safely sharing the road, park regulations in that year stated, "horses have the right of way, and automobiles and motorcycles will be backed or otherwise handled to enable horses to pass safely".

What to Expect

- **CLOSURES** this week include the Paradise Valley Road (does not affect access to Paradise) on Thursday, June 25.
- **Paving** continues between Nisqually Entrance and Longmire (no paving on Friday, June 26).
- **Trenching** continues below Paradise on the Nisqually-Paradise Road.
- **Know Before You Go.** Expect delays during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. *Currently no work is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.*
- **Be Prepared.** Expect delays up to 15 minutes at each stop. *Total construction delays should not exceed 30 minutes between Nisqually Entrance and Paradise.*
- **Plan Ahead.** Restroom facilities are located at Kautz Creek, Longmire, Narada Falls, and Paradise.

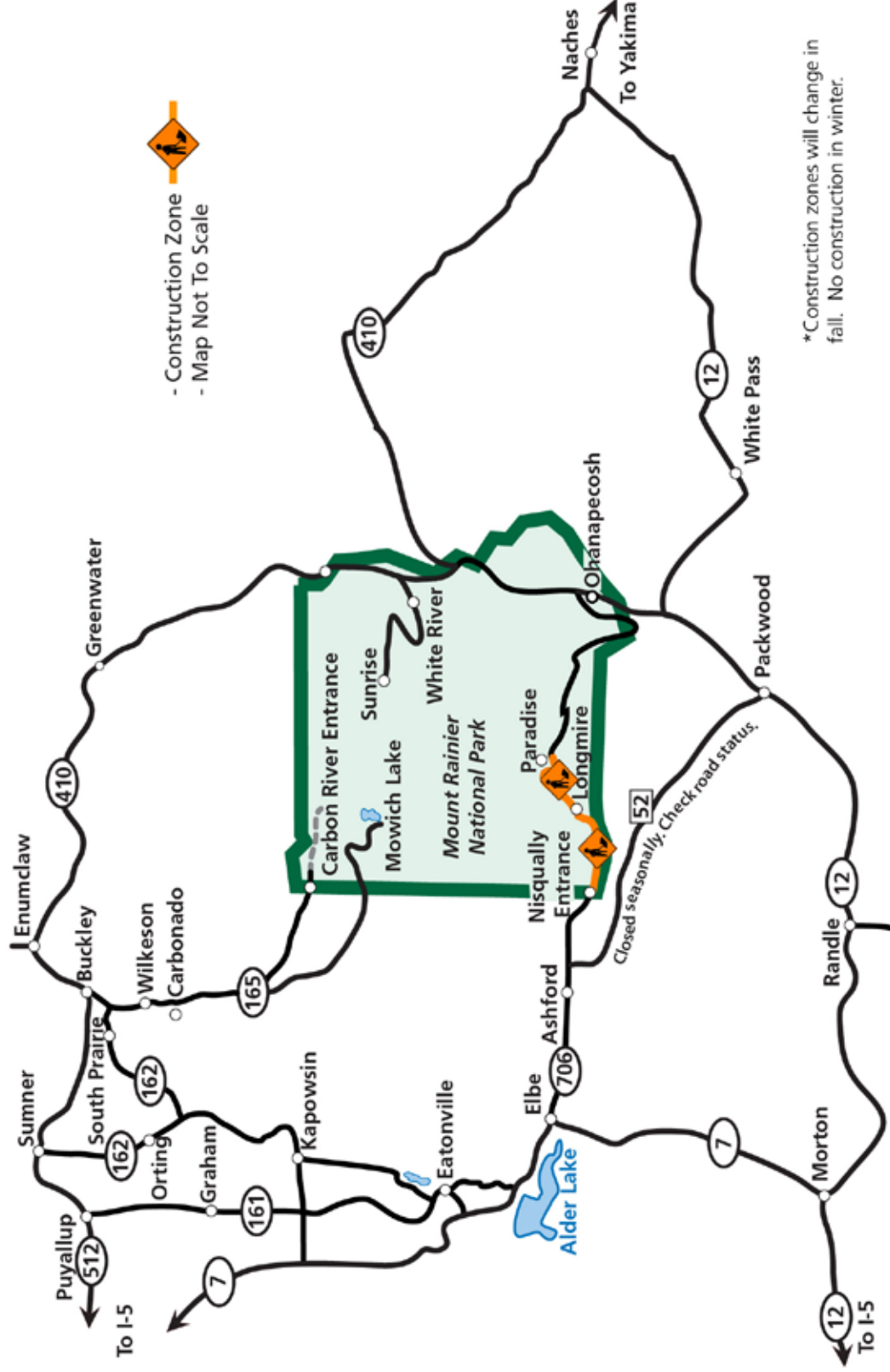
For more information go to:

<http://www.nps.gov/mora/parkmgmt/nisqually-paradise-road.htm>

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- Construction Zone
- Map Not To Scale

*Construction zones will change in fall. No construction in winter.